GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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UNPROTECTED MONUMENTS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of unprotected heritage monuments/sites in various parts of the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government provides funds for maintenance of unprotected heritage structures/ monuments in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise including Karnataka and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has received any proposal from Karnataka regarding allocation of funds for protection of heritage structures; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) CULTURE & TOURISM (SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

(a) The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) conserves preserves and maintains the centrally protected monuments declared as of national importance in the country. ASI does not maintain any data with regard to unprotected monuments in the country.

(b)&(c) ASI is dealing with the Scheme of Financial Assistance to unprotected monuments less than 100 years old under which the applications for sanctioning of financial assistance for preservation of monuments, sites or remains of historical/cultural value, not protected by the Archaeological Survey of India or the State Departments of Archaeology are considered. The financial assistance is provided in the form of grants on the recommendations of the State Governments or Union Territories as the case may be, to voluntary organizations. A single monument located on a particular site qualifies for grant only once. The grant in each instance is limited to the approved estimation or Rupees 5.00 Lac, whichever is less. In special cases however, the Department of Culture may sanction a grant not exceeding Rupees 10.00 Lac. Under the above Scheme ASI has provided funds for maintenance of unprotected heritage, structure/monuments during the last three years as per details given at Annexure.

(d) No, Madam.

(e) Does not arise.